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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senator Fulbright's 2 June 1969 Query re SS-9

1. During a discussion this afternoon with the Director:

a. the Director said when he talked with Senator Russell on the above subject on 4 June Senator Russell said we had only two courses: either take the matter up with the President or meet with Senator Fulbright and try to respond to his questions;

b. upon reflection the Director has decided on the latter course, particularly in view of the fact that the questions posed by the Senator do not lend themselves to precise or concise answers.

2. I said I didn't think the Director would find Senator Fulbright difficult on this issue, pointing out that Fulbright had not followed up on his recent request that we sanitize a draft speech on the subject of Soviet weaponry which he proposed to make. I suggested a further reason for not writing a letter to the Senator was the fact that the information involved was quite as sensitive as that contained in recent briefings of the Foreign Relations Committee, in which cases we had always retained control of the transcripts.

3. Accordingly, the Director called and made a date to see Senator Fulbright on the afternoon of 9 June 1969.

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